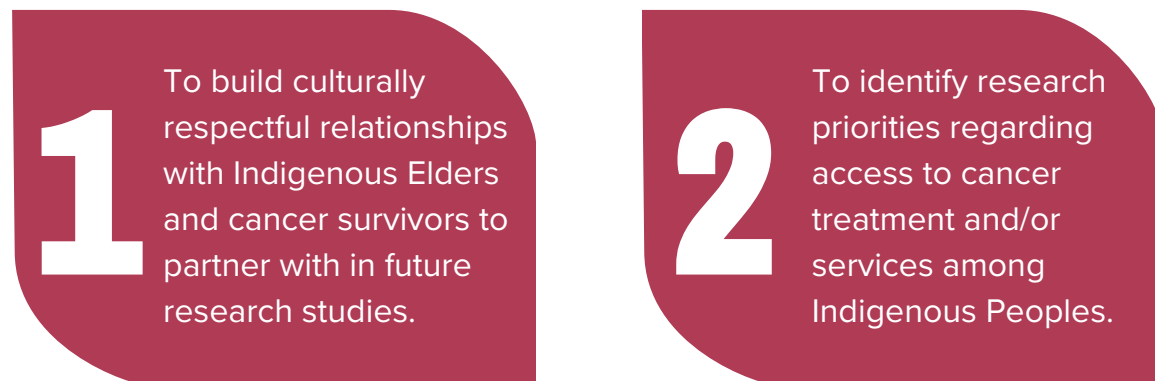


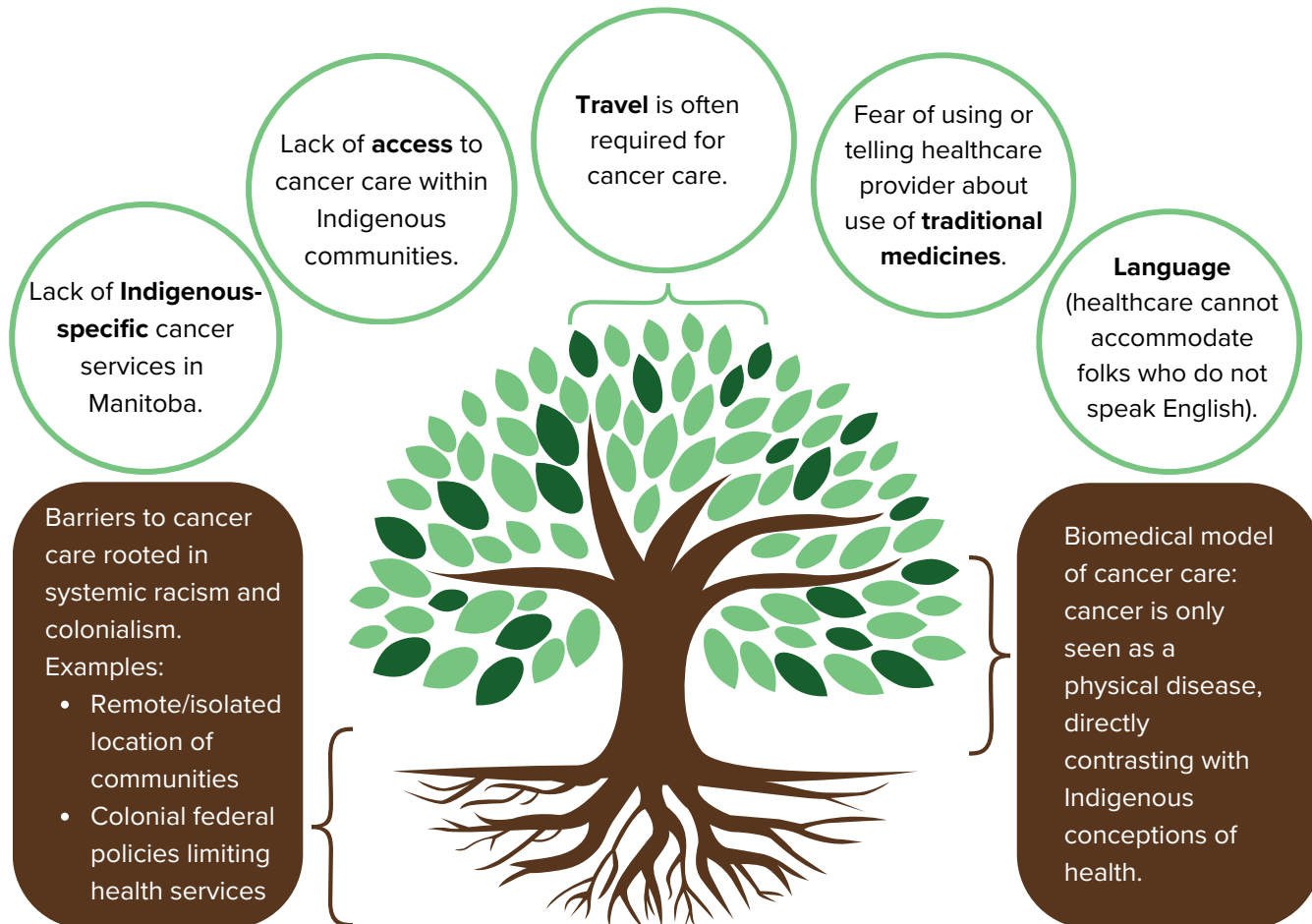
Improving Access to Cancer Care: Relationship Building with Indigenous Patients and Elders

In 2022, a group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous researchers and healthcare providers began a project to engage with Indigenous cancer survivors, family members, and Elders. Our goals were:



A series of four sharing circles in addition to a closing feast and sharing circle were held. Story sharers described barriers and challenges to accessing cancer care and priorities for future research.

Barriers & Challenges to Accessing Cancer Care



Priorities for Research & Health System Innovations to Improve Access to and Experiences of Care

Develop and implement Indigenous-specific cancer services in Manitoba, including:

- Indigenous cancer navigators
- Indigenous-specific support groups & counselling
- Indigenous peer support programs
- Traditional ceremonies and practices

Use storytelling to **share the stories of Indigenous cancer survivors and/or Elders and Knowledge Keepers:**

- Strengths-based with a focus on traditional knowledge and traditional medicines
- Focus on what makes people well and keeps people happy
- Bringing more awareness to Western health care providers, as well as Indigenous cancer survivors

Improve cancer prevention **education and cancer screening:**

- Deliver education programming in communities, by community members
- Leverage novel screening technologies that can be brought into community

Create a patient care advocate or navigator position in each First Nation community in Manitoba and ensure that these services are available in all five Indigenous languages in Manitoba

Study the impact of **colonization on cancer and cancer outcomes** in First Nations communities, including the impacts of environmental and living conditions, and the loss and grief resulting from colonization.

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